

GERMAN SHIPS GET ADMIRALTY'S CODE

Make Captain of Ship Drunk and Take British Cipher Book.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The skipper of a British tramp steamship, who allowed German plotters to get him intoxicated so that they could obtain the cipher book from him a short time ago, recently caused a lot of trouble and worry to the British admiralty and the consul general in this port, without, however, any benefit to those who sought to hamper the shipment of supplies to the allies.

The particular paper that the Germans wanted was the private cipher code, containing several thousand words, arranged by experts of the admiralty in London for the use of all steamers carrying high explosives from the United States or Canada to British ports.

The code, drafted with all possible emergencies which might arise through a steamer being chased by a German submarine, catching fire, foundering, going ashore, on the rocks, or any mishap that might occur on the high seas.

In this book the captain of the ship carrying the code was instructed what messages he was to send out by wireless when he reached a certain spot on the Atlantic coast, and it was the code that the British admiral was waiting to convey his vessel safely into port.

Captains Get Code.

The admiralty codes are handed to the captains of the steamships before they sail from New York with high explosives consigned to the British government, which are loaded in Gravesend bay, and are carried among shipping men as "grape juice." Such care is taken in giving out the cipher codes that only British subjects can command steamers carrying armaments from this side, because the admiralty will not trust them in the hands of any foreign-born seaman even if he should have been naturalized several years ago.

Steamers carry from 1,000 to 5,000 tons of "grape juice" at high rates, and in some cases the Danes, Norwegians, or Swedish captains have been employed on British steamers they have been removed and replaced by Britons.

Less Than Year Ago.

The captain who caused all the trouble, and who is now in jail in England under the "code name" of the man who in command of a big freighter hailing from Glasgow was that loading at one of the Chelsea piers in the North river, less than a month ago.

His cargo of war munitions, including cartridges, prunes, peaches, flour, rubber, copper wire, dynamite, matches, chairs, aeroplanes, cocoa, coffee, chest plasters, soothing syrup, empty shells, cotton, and tons of barbed wire, was all on board after clearing at the custom house he went to the consulate to get his papers and also the admiralty private code, as he was to stop in Gravesend bay on his way out for 250 tons of the famous grape juice cordite, gunpowder, lyddite, and other pleasant things required in Europe at the present time.

What happened after the skipper left the consulate to go to his ship in the North river is not definitely known, and it is quite possible, his shipping friends here think, that his own recollections of the events that followed are somewhat hazy.

The steamer was ready to leave the pier at 3 p. m., and the officers were waiting anxiously for the captain to return from the custom house and the consulate with the papers, and the pilot was on the bridge smoking the last of his cigar. When an hour slipped by without any signs of the skipper or his papers, the chief officer went on the pier and telephoned to the consulate, and was informed that the captain had departed at 1 o'clock to go to the ship with all the papers ready to sail.

The steamer remained at her pier all night and in the meantime the police department was asked to look out for the missing ship master in case he might have been recovering from a tomorile or been in some other accident. It was just twenty-four hours after his sailing hour that the captain was discovered in a small Italian heavy drinking bout in the upper east side near the river. When his pockets were searched it was found that all his papers had been stolen, including the cipher code belonging to the admiralty. The few dollars he has in his pocket and his own chain with a Masonic emblem were intact.

Meets Old "Cronies."

All the befuddled mariner could gasp was that after leaving the consulate in State street, he met three pleasant fellows who asserted that they knew him in London, Madagascar, and Shanghai, and other places, and also that they were intimately acquainted with all his seafaring cronies.

They proposed a slight "snack" for luncheon at a nearby restaurant, washed down by a glass of champagne, and the tallest of the trio, a fine-looking, fair-haired man, with big blue eyes, offered to drive the captain to his pier in his automobile, which was waiting outside a cafe, where they had the first two or three drinks.

As to what happened afterward the captain's mind seemed to be a blank according to what he told the consul when the latter was called in to get some clue to the secret agents who had stolen the cipher. Victims of driving away in the automobile and stopping at various points, the captain, who had a good knowledge of the city, and smoke strong cigars floated lazily through the brain of the befuddled mariner.

Directly it was ascertained that the code had fallen into the hands of the enemy, messages were sent to the admiralty in London, by cable, and captain of steamers loading explosives in Gravesend bay were instructed to remain there at anchor until word was received from the admiralty that course was to be pursued in regard to using the code. Finally secret instructions were received.

Robbers Called and Escaped With Gems

FAST-CHANGE, N. J., Dec. 25.—While Clifford H. Eagle and his wife were making Christmas calls this afternoon, robbers broke into their home and escaped with gems valued at between \$20,000 and \$30,000, according to a report made in the police.

Rooster Kills Child.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—John M. Seaman, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seaman, is dead, following an attack by a large rooster. The boy was anxious to feed the chickens. With malicious bravado that was thought his father's, he got on his hands and knees a few days ago and was engaged when a large rooster jumped at him and buried its spurs deep in his chest. He died following developed, and the child died in a hospital.

SALES AND PRICE RANGES

Of Stocks and Bonds on Washington Stock Exchange for the Year to and Including Saturday.

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SALES.	BONDS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
\$300 U. S. Reg. 3's.....	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4
500 U. S. Coupon 3's.....	102	102	102	102	102
1,000 U. S. Reg. 4's.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Gas.					
8,100 Geo. Gas Cert. Ind. 5's.....	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4
12,000 Georgetown Gas 5's.....	104	104	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
291,500 Washington Gas 5's.....	103 1/2	106	102 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
1,000 Col. Gas & Elec. Det. 5's.....	60	60	60	60	60
1,000 Col. Gas & Elec. 5's.....	78	78	78	78	78
Railroads.					
274,000 Cap. Tractor R. R. 5's.....	107	108 1/4	103 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
1,000 Anacostia & Potomac 5's.....	100	100	100	100	100
1,000 Ana. Pot. Guar. 5's.....	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
57,000 C. & S. Suburban 5's.....	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
1,800 Metropolitan P. R. 5's.....	104 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
478,500 Wash. Ry. & Elec. 4's.....	81	83	80	81	81
1,000 Wash. Alex. & Mt. V. 5's.....	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4	87 1/4
Miscellaneous.					
496,000 Potomac Elec. Cons. 5's.....	99 1/4	101 1/4	99	99 1/4	99 1/4
43,000 Pot. Elec. Lt. 1st 5's.....	105	106	103	105 1/2	105 1/2
25,000 C. & P. Telephone 5's.....	103 1/2	105 1/2	103	105 1/4	105 1/4
2,000 Wash. Market 5's 1927.....	100	100	100	100	100
1,000 W. M. Cold Storage 5's.....	96	96	96	96	96
20,000 N. & W. Steamboat 5's.....	106	106 1/2	105	106 1/2	106 1/2
56,500 Riggs Realty (Long) 5's.....	101	102	100	101	101
1,000 Riggs Realty (Short) 5's.....	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
1,000 Col. Gas & Elec. 5's.....	78	78	78	78	78
Public Utility.					
SALES.	STOCKS.	98 3/4	99 1/4	85	87 1/2
4,182 Capital Traction.....	89	92	81	85	85
4,798 Wash. Ry. & Elec. com.....	82	86	80	83 1/2	83 1/2
6,444 1/2 Wash. Ry. & Elec. pfd.....	155	155	150	150	150
37 N. & W. Steamboat.....	75 1/4	78 1/4	69	76	76
4,431 Washington Gas.....	192	194	164	171	171
1,498 Mergenthaler Linotype.....	60	82	60	75	75
2,776 Lanston Monotype.....	National Banks.				
141 American National Bank.....	160	160	150	150 1/4	150 1/4
20 Capital National Bank.....	200	200	200	200	200
159 Commercial Nat. Bank.....	190	198	190	195	195
75 District National Bank.....	136	136	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
5 Far. & Mech. Nat. Bank.....	260	260	260	260	260
4 Federal National Bank.....	135	140	135	138	138
12 Lincoln Nat. Bank.....	160	160	160	160	160
42 Nat. Metropolitan Bank.....	190	195	190	195	195
12 Second National Bank.....	148	148	148	148	148
535 Nat. Bank of Washington.....	205	240	217 1/2	220	220
Trust Companies.					
156 American Sec. & Trust.....	280	281	260	270	270
99 Nat. Savings & Trust.....	270	270	260	260	260
62 Union Trust.....	128	128	120	120	120
67 Washington Loan & Trust.....	225	231 1/4	225	230 1/4	230 1/4
132 Continental Trust.....	116 1/4	118 1/4	115	115	115
Savings Banks.					
5 Home Savings.....	405	405	405	405	405
Fire Insurance.					
100 Firemen's Fire Insurance.....	18	18	18	18	18
Title Insurance.					
218 Columbia Title Insurance.....	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4
Miscellaneous.					
872 3-10 Grapho. com.....	30	143	30	138	138
462 6-10 Grapho. pfd.....	70	155	70	151	151
21 Merch. Trans. & Storage.....	105	105	100	100	100
20 Security Storage.....	190	190	190	190	190
10 Washington Market.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
10 Greene Cananea.....	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2

Week in Financial Circles

Never before probably in the history of the country has American business in all of its aspects confronted a new year with so general a feeling of confidence as that with which it will enter upon 1916.

Retail and wholesale trade has established in the holiday dealing a record which exceeds any figure established during the past half dozen years. Within the last ninety days domestic manufacturing has increased in a degree that only a few months before could not even have been hoped for, and the demand for building materials adds its promise to the factors that point to a still further degree of prosperity.

Christmas trade this year, according to reports from the leading cities of the country to the weekly trade papers, broke all records in history. With it came increased activity in practically all lines, especially in the steel industry, where prices of many products are the highest in years. It is estimated that many industries have business booked ahead to keep them busy for at least six months. Of trade conditions Bradstreet's says:

A record-breaking holiday trade accompanies evidence of extraordinary activity in industrial lines, reports of light stocks almost everywhere, market prices higher than in any previous year, good collections, heavy railway traffic, smart activity in employment at relatively high wages, widespread distribution of bonuses, increased orders from profit-sharing investments, and strength in the stock market.

On the other hand, wholesale trade has receded somewhat in comparison with the season of year-end inventories, which takes up the slack in the road and causes this branch of enterprise to temporarily mark time.

Jobbing trade, because of the necessity for filling in depleted stocks, is rather less affected by seasonal changes than wholesale distribution, in which the business is done in the present moment, thus indicating a very short gap between the old season and the new one. In fact, some lines continue to experience an overflow of orders, and indeed, a number of points report the jobbing trade has increased rather than decreased.

"In short, the situation as a whole is an extraordinary one for a period that usually sees business in the larger channels at rather low tide, and at the same time business for spring is coming out in an encouraging manner.

When the feeling of a betterment of conditions in American business first began to pervade the general public, it could be traced primarily and principally to industries engaged in manufacturing munitions and other supplies that went to men and maintain in the field the great European armies. Today the industrial instruments of peace are claiming their share in the furtherance of prosperity.

The corporations engaged in the manufacture of war supplies have, with a few exceptions, found their contracts fully and profitably as they had expected, but those employed in the production of material for reconstruction rather than for destruction have enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity than they dared to hope for at the end of the second quarter of the calendar year. The most striking example of this is the steel industry, which has received its largest order during the last ninety days.

Now domestic demand is the motive power that is driving the wheels of industry to the limit of their speed and which seems to possess sufficient resources to keep them revolving at this great pace for months possibly years, to come. During the long period of depression throughout the country a hand-to-mouth purchasing policy had been the rule from the hearthstone to the counting house. Now the country has found its stocks and supplies of raw materials, and the buying of Europe coming to the heels of its own prolonged economy that the power of production has been taxed to capacity, while the transportation industry, whose fragility

Trade Outlook Bright For the New Year

Heavy Domestic Production and Consumption and Record Exports Form Basis for Optimism of Business Men.

Having passed through a pre-holiday season of trade which, if it has not exceeded all previous records, at least has outstripped the high marks of the last six years, American business generally is finding the new year with a greater degree of confidence than has prevailed for nearly a decade.

Large figures of domestic production, consumption, and export, coupled with an increasing demand for building materials, and a rise in the price of such commodities, form the basis for this feeling.

While the securities markets are not reflecting this most satisfactory condition, their failure is attributable to technical reasons which are of a temporary nature. In Wall Street, the greatest American mart for securities, there is an almost unparalleled feeling of confidence.

Building Awakening.

In a brief review of business at the close of the year and a forecast for the future, *The New York Times* of today says:

"In all save retail lines, the holiday period at the end of the year is usually given over to inventories and the cleaning up of odds and ends. Just at present, while such matters are receiving their due share of attention, there is somewhat more activity because of the unusual conditions both at home and abroad. Among recent circumstances which are significant may be mentioned the greater demand for brick, cement, and other building materials accompanied by a rise in the price of such articles. The value of this fact lies in the indication thereby afforded of an awakening in building activity after a somewhat dull period of inactivity. In retail business, the bulk of what has been done within the past fortnight comes under the head of holiday trade. It has been brisker and on broader lines than for half a dozen years before. The money taken in will be a record, and the outlook for the new year and jobbing markets, as is already apparent. The growth in confidence, which was so severely shaken in the early portion of the year, is perhaps the most hopeful sign because it leads to enterprise. Large figures of domestic production, consumption and export which continue to be shown are among the substantial bases for the feeling which exists. There is abundant reason for the cheerfulness which is being shown in the business world. *The New York World* assigns reasons to account for the unresponsive attitude

Good Outlook for Steel.

There has been much speculation on the part of the general public as to how long the excessive demand for steel, which has been increasing so steadily for months, would continue. *The New York Press* finds that all present signs point to still further heavy bookings of orders by the steel companies.

"Interest identified with the iron and steel trade yesterday said that never before in their experience had they known a busier holiday season in their history than that of 1915. The demand for manufactured steel products shows no falling off; indeed, it is increasing with big sales into the third quarter of the year."

"Steel companies have just closed contracts aggregating 100,000 tons of steel sheet. Buying by the railroads is more active, while the demand from the railway equipment companies is growing heavier because of the increasing demand from the transportation companies for rolling stock."

"In the last week there were advances in prices for twenty iron and steel products with no indication of rising movement of quotations for finished steel products and for iron had reached its limit."

ALEXANDRIA'S TREE BLOWN DOWN BY WIND

Charter Granted Old Dominion Sanitary Market Corporation, Clarendon.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 25.—Alexandria's community Christmas tree, erected at the corner of Washington and Queen streets, was blown down shortly before 1 o'clock last night by the windstorm which commenced at dark yesterday.

The tree was brightly lighted when a heavy east wind tore it from its foundation and threw it off the lot from the street. The lights were broken and the thousands of glass ornaments smashed. It was the intention of the committee to have the tree lighted again tonight.

The committee in charge of the tree announce that it is their purpose to have a similar tree each year. They will make their plans earlier in the year in order that they may have sufficient time to erect the tree.

Alexandria was very quiet yesterday, and the police made no arrests. All of the schools were closed. In accordance with the Byrd law.

The Christmas music was repeated today in the three Episcopal churches—St. Paul's, St. George's, and St. Andrew's. The choruses were given by the St. Paul's choir, and the St. George's choir. The choruses were given by the St. Paul's choir, and the St. George's choir.

ROCKVILLE.

Mrs. Ester Griffith, wife of Judge Charles F. Griffith, died Friday, aged seventy-two years. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Edward Kimble, Mrs. William T. Wardfield, Mrs. Victor Presson, Greenbury, Charles, Worthington, and Dorsey Griffith. The funeral took place this afternoon from the Episcopal Church at Laytonsville.

Invitations have been issued for the New Year ball of the Rockville assembly. The committee in charge is composed of Charles A. Beard, Albert M. Boole, Berry E. Clark, Edward S. Evans, Thomas L. Dawson, Arthur J. McFarland, Charles G. Myers, Roland Woolton, Wilson S. Ward, and Robert L. Wardfield. The choruses will be Mrs. William Dorsey, Mrs. Edward J. Peter, Mrs. Howard Lacombe, and Mrs. Willis L. Moore.

The annual meeting of the boys' class of the Rockville Methodist Sunday School was held Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith. Officers chosen were: President, James Moulton; vice president, Newell L. Landon; secretary, William Lanthorn; treasurer, Hughes Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alby Henderson entertained at a dance at the Montgomery Country Club.

Miss Marjorie Waters, Eleanor Darby, Miss V. V. Veach, and Miss Margaret Arnold are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell Brewer have as their guest Mrs. Brewer's father.

Misses Elizabeth Dawson and Rebecca Lamar are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Transfers of real estate were recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here during the week as follows: John J. Carlin to William H. Carlin, 18 acres; George M. Kephart to Maurice F. Stup, 12 acres; John T. Beven to William A. Percy, 14 acres; James H. Offutt to Daniel W. O'Donoghue, 22 acres; Mary F. Christenson to Crattie Christenson at Halpsco, Oliver J. Hughes to Francis J. Casel, lot at Silver Spring; M. Wade Hughes to Francis L. Casel, lot at Silver Spring; Sidney F. Thomsen to Mary P. Ingraham, lot at Chevy Chase; Chevy Chase Land Company to George P. Hoover, lot at Chevy Chase; Martha Vinrod to Franklin E. Beall, lot.

Griffith Warfield is home for the holidays.

ANACOSTIA.

Christmas services were held in some of the churches in this suburb yesterday, and others are being held today. At midnight in St. Teresa's Church mass was celebrated. The service was in charge of Father Schneeweis, while Father Charles M. Bart sang in the choir. In Emmanuel Church a celebration of the communion was held, with Rev. W. O. Roome in charge. At the Garden Memorial Presbyterian, a Christmas service was being held today.

At the Anacostia M. E. Church and Anacostia Baptist Church the principal services will be held today.

The Christmas entertainments of the various Sunday schools in this suburb are being arranged. Wednesday night, at the Garden Memorial Presbyterian, a cantata will be given by the school. On the same evening the school of the Anacostia Methodist Church will conduct a service. On Thursday afternoon the primary department will hold its entertainment with Mrs. S. R. Campbell in charge. Tuesday night the school of Emmanuel Church will hold its annual festival.

Boy Puffed Like Balloon; Skin Pierced to Save Life

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 25.—The body of Fred Lawson, eleven years old, swelled to twice its normal size as the result of an accident, and for a time his life was endangered.

While coasting the boy was stuck in the neck by a piece of wagon wheel rim protruding from the ground. The bronchial tube was punctured and in passing his breath much of the air passed through this puncture and under the skin, causing the body to inflate.

Young Lawson was at the point of suffocation when physicians arrived. Their first act was to puncture the skin over the neck and allow the air to escape. They say the boy will live.

"Petromortis," New Ill. Strikes Chicago Lawyer

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—"Petromortis" has appeared in Chicago. It struck down Eugene M. Humbrich, a lawyer.

The new disease, according to Dr. John Q. Pills of Rush Medical College, is caused by inhaling certain elements in gasoline which have failed to oxidize.

"A man liable to vertigo would have no chance in a small room with this gas," said Dr. Pills, who is "likely that scores of deaths have resulted."

Evening Services in the Churches

- First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbia road and Euclid street. "Christian Science," 8 p. m.
- Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Fifteenth and R streets northwest. "Christian Science," 8 p. m.
- Foundry M. E. Church, Sixteenth and Church streets, Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon. "God and the Nation," 8 p. m.
- Hamline M. E. Church, Ninth and P streets northwest, rev. Lucius C. Clark. Cantata, "Bethlehem," 8 p. m.
- New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York avenue, Thirtieth and H streets, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe. Christmas song, 8 p. m.
- Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church, John Marshall place and C street northwest, Rev. James Shera Montgomery. "The By-Products of War," 8 p. m.
- Centennial Baptist Church, Seventh and I streets northwest, Rev. E. H. Swem. Sermon to "Washington People Who Think," 8 p. m.
- First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets northwest, Rev. Robert W. Coe. Oratorio, "The Holy City," 8 p. m.
- First Spiritualist Church, Pthian Temple, 1012 Ninth street. Lecture and readings by Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, 7:30 p. m.
- Theosophic Hall, 1216 H street northwest. Lecture on "The Magi in Jerusalem," under auspices Order of the Star of the East," by Mr. McGuire, 8 p. m.
- Church of the Epiphany, G street, near Fourteenth, Rev. Dr. McKim. "The Secret of Christmas," 8 p. m.
- Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue, Eighteenth and N streets, Rev. Charles Wood. "The Child Called Jesus," 8 p. m.
- Fifth Baptist Church, E street, near Seventh street southwest, Rev. John E. Briggs. "The Christmas Oratorio," 8 p. m.
- West Washington Baptist Church, Thirty-first and N streets northwest, Rev. B. D. Gaw. Cantata, "The Shepherd King," 7:45 p. m.
- Grace Reformed Church, Fifteenth and O streets northwest, Rev. Henry H. Ranck. Christmas festival of Sunday school, 6:30 p. m.
- Bahai Revelation, Pythian Temple. "Progress of the Cause." Address by Mr. Raney, 8 p. m.
- Waugh M. E. Church, Third and A streets northeast, Rev. F. M. McCoy. "Christmas Message in Africa," by Rev. Dr. Springer, 7:30 p. m.
- Immanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth street and Columbia road, Rev. Gove Griffith Johnson. "Christmas and the War," 7:45 p. m.
- Fourth Presbyterian Church, Thirteenth and Fairmont streets northwest, Rev. Joseph T. Kelly. Stereopticon lecture by W. H. H. Smith on "The Birth and Infancy of Jesus: From the Annunciation to the Flight into Egypt," 8 p. m.
- Second Baptist Church, Fourth street and Virginia avenue southeast, Rev. Howard I. Stewart. "Silver Threads Among the Gold," 7:45 p. m.
- Grace Episcopal Church, Wisconsin avenue and South street northwest, Rev. George W. Atkinson, jr. Evensong and sermon at 7:30 p. m.
- Gunton-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fourteenth and R streets, Rev. C. Everest Granger. Cantata, "Bethlehem," 6:45 p. m.
- Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, Rev. John Compton Ball. "The Greatest Star of the Universe," 7:45 p. m.
- Union M. E. Church, Twentieth street, near Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Rev. John MacMurray. "After Christmas, What?" 8 p. m.
- Memorial Seventh Day Adventist Church, Twelfth and M streets northwest. Sacred song and musical services, 7:30 p. m.
- Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, Rev. Edward K. Hardin. "Women of the Old Testament IV: Ruth," 8 p. m.
- Undenominational Assembly Hall, Fourteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast. Gospel address, "The Birth of Christ," 7:45 p. m.
- All Souls' Church, Unitarian, Fourteenth and L streets northwest, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce. Liberty Religious Union, 8 p. m.
- Douglass Memorial M. E. Church, Eleventh and H streets northeast, Rev. C. C. McLean. "The Advent of the King," 7:30 p. m.
- McKendree M. E. Church, Massachusetts avenue, near Ninth street, Rev. L. Morgan Chambers. Christmas program by choir, 8 p. m.
- Dumbarton Avenue M. E. Church, Dumbarton avenue, Rev. D. H. Martin. "The Story of the Wise Men," 8 p. m.
- Calvary M. E. Church, Columbia road, near Fourteenth street northwest, Rev. John T. Ensor. Cantata, "Holy Night," 8 p. m.
- Eckington M. E. Church, North Capitol, Florida avenue and O street, Rev. H. E. Brundage. "The Sword of the Prince of Peace," 7:45 p. m.
- Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, Fourth and B streets southeast, Rev. Paul R. Hickok. "Good News for the World," 7:45 p. m.
- Western Presbyterian Church, H street, near Nineteenth street, Rev. J. Harvey Dunham. "Our Years," 8 p. m.
- Northminster Presbyterian Church, Eleventh and Rhode Island avenue, Rev. S. A. Bower. "Christmas Entertainment," 7:45 p. m.
- Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Columbia and Kalorama roads, Rev. John C. Palmer. "The King of Kings," 7:45 p. m.
- Epiphany Lutheran Church, Sixteenth and O streets northwest, Rev. Charles F. Steck. Cantata, "The Christ Child," 8 p. m.
- Maryland Avenue Baptist Church, Maryland avenue northeast, Rev. Harry J. Goodwin. "Worldly Amusement—the Theater," 7:45 p. m.
- Christiadelphian Chapel, New Hampshire and Georgia avenues. "We Worship God as Conscience Dictates," 8 p. m.

YULETIDE SPIRIT AT THE HIPPODROME

Boy, Girl, and Wealthy Bachelor Features in "A Bachelor's Christmas," At Playhouse.

The real Christmas atmosphere is lent to the program of motion pictures at the Hippodrome Theatre today by the fact that the feature picture of the program of six pictures "A Bachelor's Christmas," tells the interesting story of how a wealthy bachelor brought joy and Christmas comforts to the home of two little children.

The picture was made from the story by William Addison Lathrop and was produced for the screen by Ben Wilson, Wilson and Dorothy Phillips play the leading grown-up parts and Matty Eupert and Lois Alexander have the parts of the two children, a boy of eight, and a girl of four years.

As the bachelor, Wilson is first shown in his home where a lawyer and real estate agent call upon him to sign some papers which involve the foreclosure of a mortgage the bachelor holds on a piece of property. The property in question was the house of a formerly wealthy man who has recently died and left a grown daughter and two small children with nothing but debts as a legacy. The girl is the wealthy bachelor's girl and meets the wealthy bachelor, who protects her from insult. The bachelor also meets the little boy, while the girl and the boy are out buying Christmas toys with 11 cents the boy has made selling papers. The bachelor takes them home and gives them a real Christmas.

Mayor Names Cop. But Wrong Man Takes Oath

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 25.—Mayor Marietta is enjoying a joke at his own expense, but the city clerk, A. D. Bixler, has not yet told him how he got out of the dilemma. When a vacancy in the police force occurred the mayor named Mike Rull, an Italian, to the position. When he went up to get the oath he was told that the man he saw Mike Donadio, an Italian equally as prominent as Rull in Italian circles.

The mayor became confused as to the

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